Abstract   (Fig 4)

CONVERSATIONAL DEALING SYSTEM

A conversational trading system allows a plurality of
instruments, for example financial instruments such as
5   foreign exchange products to be traded from a single user
interface. The interface includes a deal stack comprising
a deal list, a deal detail panel and a button bar. The
deal list displays deal related information such as
status, party, instrument and an instrument and status
10   related string in a form common to all instruments. The
deal detail panel displays information relating to a
specific deal in the list that has been selected by the
trader in a manner that is specific to the instrument
being traded. Deal related information may be entered
15   into the system by trader conversations which are parsed
by a parser. The parser analyses the conversation for key
terms which depend on the status of the deal. Where a key
term is found, the deal status is changed and the deal
stack sends appropriate messages to the system which may
20   cause counterparty deal details to change. Deal
information may also be entered directly without the use
of parsed conversation.